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From W. R. Wiley

Subject Hanford Defense Waste Environmental Impact Statement (HDW-EIS)--Suspension of Priority Status

Ref: Memorandum, W. R. Wiley to List II, same subject, dated June 25, 1984.

The reference memorandum established top priority status for the subject EIS until the draft report was delivered to DOE-RL. It was delivered September 20, one day ahead of schedule.

Having completed the draft report, I am rescinding the top priority status for this effort. I am also taking this opportunity to express my personal appreciation to all of you who were involved in completing this very important milestone. I know that in the past three months many of you made personal sacrifices and put in long hours to complete the report on schedule.

This is not the termination of our involvement with the HDW-EIS. It will continue to remain a highly visible, critical-path assignment until the National Environmental Policy Act process has been completed with the issuance by the DOE of its Record of Decision (ROD). When the ROD is issued, RL may proceed, accordingly, with final disposal of about two-thirds of the nation's defense high-level and TRU wastes which are at Hanford. Thus, ours is a very crucial assignment which will continue to pose a challenge to our cooperative talents and dedication until the job is finished.

I know I can depend on all of you to continue to apply the same level of professionalism we have come to expect from you.

I wish to express my special appreciation to Iral Nelson, Jack McElroy, and the project and program office teams for the satisfactory completion of this milestone.